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## General Comment

I have lived in many of the stream and river watersheds in Virginia and also Maryland and Pennsylvania that are part of the magnificent Chesapeake Bay watershed.

In my home town of Vienna, Virginia where I live now these resources were an important part of my youth and now as an adult I appreciate even more how important our local watersheds are to the health, sense of place, and economic foundations of our communities.

Unfortunately, pollution is killing the Chesapeake and hundreds of other rivers and creeks in the region. All this pollution gets collected into the bay, which is no better shape today than it was 25 years ago.

You now have the unique opportunity to do something about it, and the time has come to put strong, enforceable water safety standards in place to protect our homes, support our economy and ensure that our streams and rivers are healthy today and for our children's future.

I urge you to develop a strong pollution diet in my state that holds us all accountable for the pollution that is harming our wildlife and damaging our local economy. It is imperative that these plans address all sources of pollution and demonstrates how reductions will be gained. Citizens across this state and the region need your help to keep our water clean and protected.